

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During this past year I have joined with the officers of the Association in their tour of visitation in the Eighth District.

In each society it was noted that the members were not only interested in the problems facing organized medicine, but were very well informed and hence much better prepared to combat adverse propaganda.

Respectfully submitted,

F. N. Scatena, *Councilor-at-Large*.

IV

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Philip K. Gilman, Chairman

Charles A. Dukes, President.
Harry H. Wilson, President-Elect.
William W. Roblee, Past President.
Lowell S. Goin, Speaker, House of Delegates.
Karl L. Schaupp, Chairman of the Council.
Philip K. Gilman, Chairman, Auditing Committee.
George G. Reinle, Chairman, Committee on Public Relations.
George H. Kress, Secretary-Treasurer-Editor.

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the past year, the matters confronting the State Association have been of so serious a nature that it seemed desirable to let the Council as a whole pass upon them rather than its Executive Committee. On that account, only one meeting of the Executive Committee was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip K. Gilman, *Chairman*.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Executive Group

P. K. Gilman, Chairman, 1940

O. H. Hamlin, 1940

Elbridge Best, 1940

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Auditing Committee has carried on the work outlined for it in the by-laws. All expenditures and the personal properties of the Association have been properly checked. The Auditing Committee also submitted to the Executive Committee its recommendations for the budget of the year 1941.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Gilman, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES AND TECHNICAL GROUPS

Executive Group

John V. Barrow, Chairman, 1940

Edwin L. Bruck, 1941

William H. Newman, 1942

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Our committee has functioned in its separate districts.

It has contacted medical interests in the associated societies and technical groups as opportunity has offered and has aided them wherever and whenever requested. Conferences have been held with representatives of the Nurses' Association and the Dental Association. Lectures have been arranged and given to the technical groups.

We desire to urge either the broadening of the functions of this committee or its combination with the Committee on Public Relations.

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Barrow, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Executive Group

Roy E. Thomas, Chairman, 1941

William Dock, 1942

Benjamin W. Black, 1940

To the President and the House of Delegates:

I am sorry to report that the Committee on Health and Public Instruction has had only one meeting and has accomplished nil this year. A subcommittee on pneumonia control was reorganized and Dr. Edwin L. Bruck named as chairman.

I withdrew from the committee and named Dr. Louis Martin of Los Angeles in my place, otherwise the membership is the same as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy E. Thomas, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON HISTORY AND OBITUARIES

Executive Group

Frank R. Makinson, Chairman, 1941

A. Elmer Belt, 1940

J. Marion Read, 1942

The Secretary, ex officio

The Editor, ex officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Your Committee on Histories and Obituaries is pleased to report that its work is slowly but continuously progressing. Attention is again called to the biographical data blanks that were out in 1939 with the request that if all members have not completed the blank and returned it to headquarters, they are hereby urged to do so.

Through the courtesy of Clark L. Abbott of Oakland a complete history of Contra Costa County has been added to the archives. A picture of those present at the State medical meeting at Del Monte in April, 1899, is a recent contribution through the courtesy of L. P. Adams of Oakland. This picture includes many pioneers: D. D. Crowley, Phillip Mills Jones, John S. Adams, Prof. Joseph Le Conte, Doctor Chismore, William Watt Kerr, Beverly Cole, Harry Sherman, Dudley Tait, Thomas W. Huntington, and many others who the present generation is unable to name.

Sixty-seven of our members have passed along the road from which no mortal returns. May their souls rest in peace.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank R. Makinson, *Chairman*.

IN MEMORIAM

Alden, Bertram Francis, May 14, 1939, San Francisco.
Baker, Morgan Dillon, November 13, 1939, San Jose.
Bathurst, Edwin William, March 8, 1939, Etna.
Beck, John A., October 28, 1939, Salinas.
Bennett, Earl Leslie, October 12, 1939, Long Beach.
Blodgett, Walter LeRoy, October 25, 1939, Calistoga.
Bollig, Harold Lewis, March 21, 1939, Los Angeles.
Botsford, Mary Elizabeth, June 18, 1939, San Francisco.
Brown, Robert, September 13, 1939, San Francisco.
Browning, Charles Clifton, September 27, 1939, San Marino.
Burke, Garry Richman, June 20, 1939, Alameda.
Clark, Isaac Sherman, August 3, 1939, Long Beach.
Colburn, Jefferson M., September 15, 1939, Riverside.
Collins, Foster Kyle, September 18, 1939, Los Angeles.
Cottrell, Charles C., August 15, 1939, Scotia.
Coulter, Herbert M., June 16, 1939, South Pasadena.
Cross, William Walter, July 12, 1939, Oakland.
Cutler, Oran Idnre, September 15, 1939, Loma Linda.
Day, Robert Verne, April 30, 1939, Los Angeles.
Dickson, Ernest Charles, August 24, 1939, San Francisco.
Domann, Arthur Henry, December 7, 1939, Orange.
Drucks, Edward Sax, January 9, 1939, Oakland.
Edson, Philips Josiah, July 6, 1939, San Marino.
Ferry, Francis C., May 25, 1939, Hollywood.
Gallwey, John, October 16, 1939, San Francisco.
Gay, Henry Milus, November 6, 1939, Pasadena.
Gibbs, Dozier Henry, July 10, 1939, Los Angeles.
Gibbs, Roy Struble, October 30, 1939, San Bernardino.
Hart, Morton E., March 23, 1939, San Francisco.
Hawkins, Charles Lewis, January 14, 1939, Taft.
Henke, George Benjamin, January 25, 1939, Ontario.

Hodges, Walter A., July 22, 1939, Pasadena.
 Hromadka, August B., October 26, 1939, Santa Monica.
 Hughes, Ephraim George, July 7, 1939, Long Beach.
 Kahn, Adolph J., March 29, 1939, Lomita.
 Kilgore, Allen M., September 25, 1939, Hollywood.
 King, Cora Smith, November 21, 1939, Hollywood.
 Leonard, Alexander T., July 2, 1939, San Francisco.
 Lowell, George C., March 27, 1939, San Anselmo.
 Lumley, Clinton Grant, February 16, 1939, Huntington Park.
 Mangan, Patrick Joseph, May 31, 1939, San Francisco.
 McHugh, Thomas R., October 21, 1939, Los Angeles.
 McKee, William Clifford, April 21, 1939, Los Angeles.
 McLellan, George Hudson, July 14, 1939, San Diego.
 Miller, Charles Miner, Jr., August 27, 1939, Olive View.
 Mohs, Oscar Kemper, June 11, 1939, San Francisco.
 Myers, Cortland, November 27, 1939, Los Angeles.
 Natzler, Adolph, July 4, 1939, Los Angeles.
 Newkirk, Harris D., January 1, 1939, Anaheim.
 Nottage, Herbert Piercy, September 15, 1939, Ontario.
 Ormsby, Elon A., March 24, 1939, Centerville.
 Penzotti, Richard Benjamin, November 6, 1939, Oakland.
 Plymire, David Brandley, October 15, 1939, San Francisco.
 Poage, Charles Allen, May 3, 1939, Colusa.
 Rea, Samuel Leroy, June 8, 1939, Ukiah.
 Rood, Vernon V., November 16, 1939, Grass Valley.
 Ruggles, Howard E., December 29, 1939, San Francisco.
 Scanland, John Milton, March 14, 1939, Imola.
 Scheier, Ralph B., February 25, 1939, San Francisco.
 Shea, John Joseph, August 19, 1939, San Diego.
 Teass, Chester James, December 23, 1939, San Luis Obispo.
 Tobias, Elliott Benald, August 2, 1939, San Francisco.
 Up de Graff, Thad S., August 3, 1939, Pasadena.
 Van Eman, Orley H., August 25, 1939, Los Angeles.
 Waller, Julian Lloyd, November 15, 1939, San Francisco.
 Wilson, Horace P., December 26, 1939, Whittier.
 Zantiny, William George, April 12, 1939, Long Beach.

COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS, DISPENSARIES, AND CLINICS

Executive Group

J. Norman O'Neill, Chairman, 1942
 Karl L. Schaupp, 1940 George I. Dawson, 1941

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries, and Clinics met informally in San Francisco on Sunday, February 18.

Doctor Schaupp's work among itinerant agricultural workers of California and Arizona has kept him busily occupied during the past year.

Doctor Dawson has done considerable work referable to determining what can be done in the way of elevating the standards of smaller hospitals in the smaller cities and outlying communities.

I have personally contacted and corresponded with the hospital superintendent in every hospital in Los Angeles. I contacted three out-patient clinics whose chief complaint was inadequate facilities as well as a limited budget. The Los Angeles County General Hospital has cared for 70,000 patients during the past year. This number constitutes 70 per cent of all the patients hospitalized in Los Angeles County during the past year. The annual budget of the Los Angeles County General Hospital is more than \$5,000,000. Eighty-six per cent of this budget is used to pay salaries and wages. The remaining 14 per cent is used to care for the 70,000 patients admitted during the past year. The actual per capita cost of taking care of patients in the Los Angeles County General Hospital is lower than any other institution in America, when one realizes that only 14 per cent of the annual budget is actually expended on the care of the sick.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Norman O'Neill, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL PRACTICE

Executive Group

Donald Cass, Chairman, 1942
 Harry E. Zaiser, 1940 Morton R. Gibbons, 1941

To the President and the House of Delegates:

This committee has not been very active, but there has been considerable correspondence with the Council on In-

dustrial Health of the American Medical Association. Their program is quite large, and their survey which is being conducted at the present time will undoubtedly be of very material benefit when it is fully prepared.

There has been no radical legislation in California affecting the industrial practice. Several local complaints have been considered and adjusted satisfactorily.

We believe that with the broadening of the Compensation Insurance Law and the inclusion of so-called industrial diseases, the work of this committee will increase with future years and become more important as time goes on.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Cass, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL DEFENSE

Executive Group

George G. Reinle, Chairman, 1941
 William J. Van Den Berg, 1942 John P. Nuttall, 1940

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Dr. George G. Reinle, Chairman of the Medical Defense Committee, wishes again to call the attention of the House of Delegates and the membership that the Medical Society of the State of California renders a service to all members of the California Medical Association who are in good standing in their county medical societies and who hold a policy with an insurer authorized by law to issue physicians' defense and indemnity policies and with coverage of at least \$5,000 by the payment of annual dues of \$10.

Membership therein means that you have the privilege of indemnification (in accordance with the Society's schedules and regulations) for the cost of a personal attorney in any claim or suit for malpractice brought against you. In the event of a dispute with your insurance company (which in the past has not been an uncommon experience) the personal attorney will protect your interests and cause your insurance company to fulfill the terms of your policy.

Although your liability insurance policy provides you with the services of an attorney, that attorney, under the ethics and principles of his profession, must represent your insurance carrier first, and hence his defense of you is directed to the fulfillment of his client's conception of its contract with you, and it is the company's interests which he must at all times protect.

The personal attorney provides for you consultation and supervision in all legal problems and trial conduct, thus assuring full protection of your personal and professional interests.

The Medical Society of the State of California, a separate voluntary organization, reimburses you or indemnifies you for expenses for the services of an attorney who will cooperate with your insurance company's attorney, thereby providing you with competent personal legal counsel.

Insurance companies operating in this field welcome the assistance your personal attorney can give them.

The Public Relations Committee, at the instigation of the Medical Defense Committee, developed a brochure which will be mailed to every member of the California Medical Association. We believe the suggestions contained therein, if adopted by our county medical societies of California, and observed by the California Medical Association members, will bring about a decrease in the number of malpractice suits in our state, and a lessening in the costs of malpractice coverage.

It is not necessary to remind the members of the California Medical Association that in recent years one commercial insurance carrier after the other has withdrawn from California, until only one or two such regularly licensed companies offer medical defense coverage to physicians of our state, and that in limited amount, lower ceilings of coverage, and other restrictions. It has been

necessary, therefore, for many physicians to secure additional coverage from a surplus line company, such as Lloyd's of London, whose "broad policy" has been purchased by a considerable number of physicians. The representative of the only American Company writing malpractice insurance in California made the statement that his company is declining to insure physicians whose practice is limited to orthopedics and roentgenology, and insuring only a limited number of those who practice surgery and then only for \$2,500 for one case and \$7,500 as a limit for three.

If malpractice suits and the damages assessed could be reduced in number and amount, it might be possible to bring back again medical defense costs, etc., that would be less in amount and be somewhat in harmony with the prices of former years. That is what the Committee on Public Relations hopes its booklet on medical defense will help reestablish.

The Committee hopes the county societies and members will give the booklet and the suggestions contained therein careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

George G. Reinle, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL ECONOMICS

Executive Group

John H. Graves, Chairman, 1941
Edward M. Pallette, 1940 L. W. Hines, 1942

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Medical Economics has confined its activities during the past year to attendance at the meetings of the Committee on Public Relations, and in presenting such opinions as the Committee on Medical Economics entertained on the problems there considered.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Graves, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION AND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

Executive Group

Loren R. Chandler, Chairman, 1942
John B. Doyle, 1940 B. O. Raulston, 1941

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Your Committee on Medical Education and Medical Institutions has held no meetings during the present year, and your committee sees no need to report on the activities of each of the medical schools in California, as their activities are reported adequately in bulletins and other publications.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. Chandler, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

Executive Group

George D. Maner, Chairman, 1941
G. Dan Delprat, 1940 Dewey R. Powell, 1942
The Secretary, ex officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Membership and Organization notes that in practically all county units efforts are being made to bring into membership all eligible physicians. This is evidenced by the fact that 553 new members were added in 1939. The total active membership on December 31, 1939, was 6,349. (See Secretary's report for detailed information.)

Your committee urges each component county unit to continue to inform all eligible physicians as to the advantages of membership.

We wish to emphasize the importance of a strong alliance among the profession and to remind you that a large

united membership is necessary to effect a militant organization so that professional rights and scientific medicine may be protected and defended.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Maner, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON POSTGRADUATE ACTIVITIES

Executive Group

Dwight L. Wilbur, Chairman, 1940
F. E. Clough, 1941 H. E. Henderson, 1942
George H. Kress, Association Secretary, ex officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Committee Members.—During the year the committee members have been: Dwight L. Wilbur (chairman), San Francisco; F. E. Clough, San Bernardino; H. E. Henderson, Santa Barbara; and Association Secretary George H. Kress.

Objectives.—The primary objective of this committee is promotion of postgraduate educational activities among members of the Association and practicing physicians in the state. More specifically the objective has been to cooperate with the component county medical societies and other organized district groups in the presentation of scientific subjects in the form, principally, of clinical conferences. It has been the hope of the committee members that such a clinical conference may be held in a sufficiently widely scattered number of counties as to permit attendance without difficulty by all members of the State Society at least once a year.

Program.—The foundation work of the Committee in the postgraduate set-up, as mentioned above, largely has been accomplished. A considerable number of speakers have volunteered to cooperate, and a very interesting list of topics has been compiled through the efforts of the former chairman of this committee, Dr. John C. Ruddock, and his associates. The point now has been reached in which the active cooperation of local units is needed for the success of the program.

Requirements for a Successful Conference.

The success of a postgraduate conference depends almost entirely on two things: (1) Clinicians who are able to present in an interesting and instructive manner the scientific subjects which are to be discussed, and (2) an aggressive and understanding chairman on local arrangements in the community in which the conference is to be held. Of these two factors the latter is by all odds the more important. The California Medical Association is well supplied with members who are excellent clinicians and speakers who have indicated a willingness to cooperate in this program. We are not lacking in material from this standpoint. However, the best speaker in the world cannot carry a conference to a successful conclusion and fulfill the objectives of postgraduate education if the local arrangements are poorly made so as to interfere with attendance, with provision of necessary clinical material and with proper facilities for the meeting, including a meeting place, lanterns and other apparatus. The chairman of local arrangements carries the burden of creating and stimulating the interest of members of the profession in his county society, without which the conference will fail.

Once a successful conference has been held, the groundwork has been laid for the holding of future conferences in that county or district, for the members of the society will have become aware of the great educational value of them and will be anxious to attend future conferences. The proof of this statement lies in the fact that for those county and district societies which have had energetic, aggressive, and understanding chairmen of local arrangements, postgraduate conferences have become very popular annual or semi-annual functions, well attended, well received, and highly successful.

It is the hope of the Committee that the president, secretary, or board of directors of each county society will coöperate in this program of postgraduate activities and that in so doing they will give principal consideration not, as in the past, to the subjects to be discussed and to the guest speakers to be invited, but to the selection of a chairman of the committee on local arrangements for the conference. He should be a good organizer and an aggressive and energetic individual; preferably he should have had experience in arranging meetings or he should be asked to attend a conference on postgraduate activity in one of those counties in which such conferences are a great success.

The Committee on Postgraduate Activities of the California Medical Association will be pleased fully to coöperate with all of the component county and district medical societies and especially with the chairman of committees on local arrangements in establishing successful postgraduate clinical conferences. The coöperation of the chairman on local arrangements is essential because he is able to interpret the desires of the members of the local society, he can stimulate local interest, he can organize a good meeting, obtain clinical material for speakers as well as perform other necessary functions associated with a successful conference.

One of the problems confronting the Postgraduate Committee concerns the portion of funds to be allocated from the State Association's budget for the support and development of local clinical conferences. On the letterhead of the Postgraduate Committee is printed the statement: "The California Medical Association Committee on Postgraduate Activities cannot be responsible for travel or other expenses of guest speakers at postgraduate conferences, except as per arrangements made in advance."

It is important that local committees keep the above rule of the Council and Auditing Committee in mind. Other things being equal, guest speakers should be invited, if possible, from nearby centers, and the number which any one conference group may invite at the State Association's expense must necessarily be limited. If the Council's instructions are not observed, the local committees may find themselves in the embarrassing position of raising funds to meet a transportation deficit.

Accomplishments of the Committee.

During the past year the Committee, largely through the efforts of the Association Secretary, has prepared and distributed to secretaries of county societies a booklet entitled "Suggestions to District and County Postgraduate Committees."

There has been growing an interest in postgraduate conferences in recent months, as the list below indicates. This growth and interest is owing to the work of previous and other members of this committee and particularly to the work of the Secretary of the California Medical Association, Dr. George Kress, who as an ex officio member of this committee, through by-law provision, acts as its secretary. He has not only organized an efficient setup for the work of the Committee at the headquarters of the Association, but he has also been responsible for calling to the attention of the members of the various county and district societies which he has visited, the importance of postgraduate medical education and the opportunities in such education which the Committee offers through the central office at 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

The following conferences have been held:

County Society	Place	Date	Type of Meeting
1939			
Butte	Oroville	Dec. 2	Clinical Conference
Humboldt	Eureka	Dec. 7	Clinical Conference
Shasta	Redding	Dec. 10	Clinical Conference
1940			
Santa Cruz } San Benito } Monterey }	Del Monte	Jan. 4	Scientific Talk

County Society	Place	Date	Type of Meeting
Sacramento	Sacramento	Jan. 16	Scientific Talk
San Mateo	San Mateo	Jan. 24	Scientific Talk
Stockton	Stockton	Feb. 1	Scientific Talk
Santa Cruz } San Benito } Monterey }	Salinas	Feb. 1	Clinical Conference
Fresno	Fresno	Feb. 2, 9, 16	Clinical Conferences
Riverside } San Bernardino } Orange }	Riverside	Feb. 14	Clinical Conference
San Bernardino	San Bernardino	March 5	Clinical Conference
Kern	Bakersfield	March 16	Clinical Conference

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight L. Wilbur, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Executive Group

Ralph Eusden, Chairman, 1940

Ruggles A. Cushman, 1941 Francis E. Toomey, 1942
The Editor, ex officio The Secretary, ex officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The report of the editor of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE is to be considered in connection with this committee's report.

The Publications Committee considers the editorial policy, the general physical arrangement of contents, and the character of said contents of the official journal, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, commendable and congratulates the Editor on the high standards which he has maintained.

The past years have been of particular economic and political importance to the medical profession. Therefore, the proper portrayal of events and conditions which are related to or affect organized medicine is considered a necessity. Likewise, the policies of the California State Medical Association should be editorialized in such a manner that our stand may be appreciated by all. Organized medicine in these days must maintain at times an aggressive front. Your Committee feels that the OFFICIAL JOURNAL has not been laggard in this respect.

CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE continues to be the outstanding journal of its type. It is the Committee's firm belief that, despite all expense, it should so remain.

Oft stated in former reports, it has been the policy of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE to print as many annual session papers as possible, but not at the sacrifice of important organization and other matters needing prompt attention by the members of the California Medical Association. From time to time, as special problems arose, the Editor has gotten the reaction of the Publications Committee. If it had been possible for the Publications Committee to meet with the Editor several times a year in all-day sessions, our committee would have been able to give more aid to the Editor, both in judgment on papers to be accepted or declined, and on other matters of publication policy. However, no funds being available for transportation and other expenses of the committee members, it was not possible to carry through such a procedure. Your Committee recommends that the necessary funds be allocated to permit the Committee to hold two or more conferences with the Editor concerning manuscripts, policies and contents so that it can better perform its functions as an editorial and publications committee, as provided in the by-laws.

The Committee recommends that the House of Delegates and the Council continue to give to the official journal of the California Medical Association, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, financial and other support in amount sufficient to properly fulfill its function as the medium through which every member may be kept in touch with the Association's policies and needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph B. Eusden, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC POLICY AND LEGISLATION**Executive Group**

Junius B. Harris (Chairman), Sacramento, 1941

E. T. Remmen, Glendale, 1940

T. Henshaw Kelly, San Francisco, 1942

President ex officio

President-Elect ex officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The last 1939 regular session of the California Legislature remained in session for a longer time period than any preceding legislative body. It also carried off the record of an all-time high in the number of proposed laws submitted to the Assembly and Senate bodies. More than one hundred of these bills had public health and medical implications, some of serious nature. It was necessary for your Committee on Public Policy and Legislation to carefully inspect the language of practically all measures introduced, in order to make certain that there were no inclusions that might subsequently turn out to be menaces to the best standards of the public health and scientific medicine. In reports that have appeared in *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE*, detailed information has been given concerning legislation that had special interest for members of the medical profession, and it is not necessary in this report to recapitulate.

Mention must be made, however, concerning the proposed law to establish a compulsory health or medical service system in California, and which was so aggressively supported by certain advocates of that type of legislation. Because the proposed statute was a menace to other interests in the state, as well as to the standards of public health and medical practice, the proposed law went down to defeat in the Assembly. If that, or a similar statute does not find a place on the November 1940 state election ballot as an initiative measure, it may be taken almost for granted that the Legislature of 1941 will be called upon to again consider such a law. Which emphasizes the need of eternal vigilance on the part of every member of the medical profession.

It is pleasing to report that the plan for organization of the medical and allied professions, in form to permit us to give efficient combat to those who would assail the best standards of medical practice and public health work, has gone forward in excellent fashion.

The Committee extends its thanks to the members of the component county societies, and especially to the local representatives of the county units who responded so well whenever called upon for aid.

Appreciation is also expressed to the Public Health League, whose members were likewise of great assistance, and in particular to its executive secretary, Mr. Ben Read, for his alertness and able cooperation.

We also wish to thank the Association secretary, Dr. George H. Kress, for the prompt and efficient manner in which he responded to our calls, both in routine and emergency situations. It was most helpful to know that he could be relied upon for prompt and able service in any calls made upon him.

Your Committee is carrying on its organization work as rapidly as possible, and hopes to be even better prepared in the future than in the past. With careful planning and a united front, the legitimate aims of scientific and organized medicine should be possible of realization.

Respectfully submitted,

Junius B. Harris, *Chairman.***COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC WORK****Executive Group**

George H. Kress, Chairman, ex officio

Lemuel P. Adams, 1940

J. Homer Woolsey, 1941

Howard F. West, 1942

Russell V. Lee, ex officio, for Section on Medicine

Frederick S. Foote, ex officio, for Section on Surgery

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Scientific Work, in conference with the Section Secretaries will present this year a new ar-

rangement of meetings for the annual session that is scheduled to convene at Hotel del Coronado on May 6. Since some 80 per cent of the members of the Association are in general practice, the changes aim to emphasize the work of the general practitioner. The plan to limit the mornings to general meetings, with programs in which the specialist groups will have proper representation, received the approval of the Section officers. If this year's trial of the new allocation of hours works out in satisfactory manner, it will probably be continued.

The Committee on Scientific Work is in full sympathy with Section objectives, but with the large number of separate organizations which are maintained by specialist groups, and before which papers of technical nature may be presented, and also because of the benefits to be derived from general meetings in which members would meet one another as fellow physicians, rather than as fellow specialists, it seemed to be a wise policy to again emphasize the rôle of the physician in general practice.

The Central Committee wishes to express to the Section officers its appreciation for their coöperation in the preparation of scientific programs which, it is to be hoped, will have real appeal to all who attend the Coronado session in May next.

Because of the limited number of rooms in the Hotel del Coronado available for use by the twelve sections (of such there are only seven rooms, with need for more than twice that number of meeting places), it was necessary for the Association Secretary to devise arrangements whereby additional accommodations for Section groups would be made available, and this will be accomplished by partitioning several of the larger rooms with walls of sound-proof celotex. This new construction should provide as good or better accommodations than have been had in the past. The rooms will be of ample dimensions and well ventilated.

In connection with the annual session programs, thanks are also tendered to the local Committee of Arrangements for its coöperative aid.

An editorial in the current issue of *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE* presents additional comment. The current "Pre-Convention Bulletin" outlines general arrangements and gives detailed information concerning the scientific and other programs.

Respectfully submitted,

George H. Kress, *Chairman.***COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Committee on Public Relations consists of the chairmen of the following standing committees and of certain general officers of the Association, all serving ex officio. The chairman of the committee is George G. Reinle, the secretary is George H. Kress. The director of the Department of Public Relations is George H. Kress. The chairman of the Committee on Public Relations is ex officio a member of the Council.

Roy E. Thomas, Chairman, Committee on Health and Public Instruction.

J. Norman O'Neill, Chairman, Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries, Clinics.

Donald Cass, Chairman, Committee on Industrial Practice.

George G. Reinle, Chairman, Committee on Medical Defense.

George D. Maner, Chairman, Committee on Membership and Organization.

John H. Graves, Chairman, Committee on Medical Economics.

Junius B. Harris, Chairman, Committee on Public Policy and Legislation.

Alson R. Kilgore, Chairman, Cancer Commission.

Dwight L. Wilbur, Chairman, Committee on Postgraduate Activities.

Charles A. Dukes, President of California Medical Association.

Harry H. Wilson, President-Elect.

George H. Kress, Secretary-Treasurer.

To the President and the House of Delegates:

In offering this report I would be remiss in my duty as chairman if I did not pay warm tribute to Dr. George

Kress, whose devotion to the work and his comprehensive knowledge of it assisted the Public Relations Committee immeasurably.

The Committee on Public Relations came into existence as a standing committee group in 1931, through a resolution by Dr. Fred B. Clark, the resolution being in harmony also with recommendations made by the then president of the California Medical Association, Dr. Lyell V. Kinney of San Diego.

The social unrest which had been so much in evidence during the last two decades had impressed members of the California Medical Association with the need for a deliberative body that would have time to give serious study to problems of organized medicine. The necessary amendments to the by-laws were adopted by the House of Delegates, and the Council promptly set to work to establish the new department on a firm foundation. A separate director, clerical assistance and office room were obtained and work proceeded in an active manner for several years under the committee chairmanship in turn of Doctors John H. Graves, Charles A. Dukes, and George G. Reinle.

The Committee on Public Relations is made up of nine of the chairmen of other standing committees whose work related to public relations; and the California Medical Association president, president-elect, and secretary.

Broad Program.—In its report for the year 1933-1934, the Committee recited a broad program of accomplishment. Outstanding were the following:

1. A survey of the various hospital and medical service plans proposed or in operation, and coöperation with the component societies in this connection.
2. A campaign for the elimination of pay patients from public hospitals and the establishment throughout the state of a plan for the admission of indigent patients only.
3. A survey of medical books on the shelves of public libraries in counties with a population of 10,000 or more, which included the preparation of a list of medical books for library use.
4. A membership campaign.
5. Employment of a publicity representative, which resulted in the preparation for the lay press of a series of popular authentic articles on suitable medical subjects. These were widely used, going to 250 newspapers.
6. Installation of exhibits at both the State Fair and the Los Angeles County Fair, which were attended by 700,000 persons.
7. Preparations for the establishment of county speakers' bureaus.

Activities in Year 1935-1936.—Most of the foregoing program was successfully continued, activities were extended and new ones added. Visual education was undertaken in the form of Public Health Institutes sponsored by county units. However, after the first institute, held in Oakland, it was deemed advisable to expend the appropriation for an exhibit at the San Diego Exposition. A co-operative program of education with state and lay agencies was instituted.

An important service rendered by the Committee on Public Relations at the time when President Dukes was its chairman, related to the recognition by hospitals of the proper professional status of doctors of medicine in charge of hospital departments of radiology and pathology. If nothing more than that had been done, the Committee on Public Relations would more than have justified its existence. Equally important problems face us in the future. Doctor Dukes, as a member of the American Medical Association House of Delegates also took an active part in having our national organization approve the principles laid down by the California Medical Association regarding the professional status of pathologists and radiologists.

Progress in 1937-1938.—During this period the Committee through its director gave a good deal of attention

to a good-will program, extending the program previously established.

Work Curtailed in 1939-1940.—After these several years of active work, owing to other demands upon the California Medical Association funds, it was found necessary to greatly cut down on appropriations for the Department of Public Relations. The Committee continued its work as well as it could under the changed conditions, but due to lack of funds some of the important recommendations could not be carried out. Consequently, the Department ceased to function as vigorously as in its first years.

Basic Science Law.—Your present committee began its active work shortly after the Del Monte session in 1939. The Council commissioned the Committee to draft a basic science law, and much work has been done in connection therewith. The reports of the prior special committee, of which Doctor Kress was chairman, on a basic science law were found to be of considerable value, because factors such as the complexion of the examining board and similar matters in relation to California needs and environment had been carefully studied. The American Medical Association draft was used and gotten into form by our legal counsel. In later drafts, many of the suggestions received from the Bureau of Legal Medicine of the American Medical Association were incorporated. Without going into detail concerning the draft that has been drawn by the California Medical Association Committee on Public Relations, it may be sufficient to say that our draft is in harmony with, and has incorporated the fundamental principles of the basic science laws of other states of the union. We believe the third draft, as submitted by the Committee, is one that could perform a good public health service, and hope such a law will find a place among the California statutes.

Your Committee had hoped it would be possible to present a basic science law in the form of an initiative in November of the present year. Unfortunately, such a measure, if placed on the ballot as a proposed initiative, would necessitate an expenditure of about \$60,000. However, the decision on the expenditure of so large a sum rests with the House of Delegates and the Council. Another reason for not placing it on this year's state election ballot is due to the fact that a compulsory health initiative will probably have place thereon. It follows that it would confuse voters if physicians urged citizens to vote yes for a basic science initiative and no on a compulsory health initiative.

Concerning other possible ways to bring a basic science into being, it might be possible, of course, to have such a law passed by the legislature. It is true that it would then not apply to the other healing-art groups already having legal recognition and separate boards in California; but it would, nevertheless, act as an effective stop-gap to the efforts of other cultist groups that are knocking at the doors of California, in attempts to secure the state's legal sanction for their methods of practice. After all, that is one of the special purposes of a basic science law, namely, to keep California from inflicting on its citizens, poorly educated and incompetent groups of cultist practitioners. We submit this thought, more as a personal point of view, for whatever suggestive value it may possess. Such a statute if submitted to the legislature could exempt all applicants who in the future would seek licenses to practice medicine in California, and who were able to show licenses from satisfactory medical examining boards of other states that they had been in practice for at least three years. A basic science law of such nature might be somewhat of a nuisance to future and recent graduates of medicine, but if it kept California from licensing groups such as the naturopaths, physiotherapists, and what not, the ends attained would seemingly be justified.

These thoughts concerning the possibility of a basic science statute through enactment by the legislature are submitted only because of the interest which many members have in the subject.

Brochure on Medical Defense.—The second important piece of work on which your Committee of Public Relations has been engaged during the past year has to do with the compilation of a brochure on medical defense. It is the plan to send a copy to every member of the California Medical Association.

We believe the suggestions contained in the brochure, if adopted by our county medical societies in California and observed by the California Medical Association members, will bring about a decrease in the number of malpractice suits in our state, and a lessening in the costs of malpractice coverage.

It should not be necessary to remind members of the California Medical Association that in recent years one commercial insurance carrier after the other has withdrawn from our state, until now only one or two such regularly licensed companies offer medical defense coverage to physicians, and that in limited amounts, lower ceilings of coverage, and with other restrictions. On that account, it has been necessary for many physicians to secure additional coverage through a "surplus line company," such as Lloyd's of London, whose so-called "broad policy" has been purchased by a considerable number of physicians. The representative of the only American company that is still writing a fairly extensive malpractice insurance in California made the statement his company is declining to insure those whose practice is limited to orthopedics and roentgenology; the company selecting the physicians whom it will insure who practice surgery, and these only for \$2,500 for one case, and \$7,500 as a limit for three.

If malpractice suits and the damages assessed could be reduced in number and amount, it might be possible to again establish medical defense costs, etc., that would be less in amount than at present, and be somewhat more in harmony with the prices of former years. That is what the Committee on Public Relations hopes its brochure on medical defense will help bring about.

The Committee hopes the county societies and members will give the booklet and the suggestions contained therein careful consideration.

Compulsory Health Insurance Booklet: "On the Witness Stand."—Much of the literature concerning foreign compulsory health insurance systems is antiquated, and in such form as to be time-consuming and unsatisfactory for quick reading and understanding. The same criticism applies to many of the writings on medical service and group hospitalization plans.

In 1936, the Public Relations Bureau of the Medical Society of the State of New York published a "question and answer" booklet on compulsory health insurance plans and statistics that brought these topics quite up to date. Two years ago the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania distributed 30,000 copies of the booklet when a legislative attempt for a compulsory health bill was made in that state. Last year the booklet was revised and still further brought up to date.

Your California Medical Association Committee on Public Relations was impressed with the value of this booklet that carries the title, "On the Witness Stand," and last year used part of its budget funds to purchase a supply of these booklets, so that every member of the California Medical Association might receive a copy. These booklets will be mailed at the same time as the brochures on medical defense. It is hoped that the physicians of the state will read this booklet, because the information contained therein will enable members of the medical profession to give proper answers to the many questions that will be coming to the front, more and more, as the heat

of the propagandist campaign for the November, 1940, compulsory health initiative makes itself felt.

American Medical Association Press Releases to California Newspapers.—Through the courtesy of the American Medical Association authorities, one hundred copies of the American Medical Association press releases are received every Monday, and are then remailed, with a letter of transmittal, to one hundred of the weekly and semiweekly newspapers of California. This is in line with the policy of keeping local editors acquainted with the advances in scientific medicine. The weekly American Medical Association press releases are compiled by an experienced newspaperman and are printed in form for ready use and insertion in local newspapers. Thus, at a minimum of cost, we are able to disseminate information concerning scientific medicine among a selected group of editors who can be of much help to us in the solution of some of our legislative and other problems.

In Conclusion.—What has been presented should indicate that your Committee on Public Relations has been striving to do its part as a study group in tasks assigned to it by the Council and in other work. Problems such as the utilization of the educational facilities of state and county fairs, the improvement of classifications in telephone directories with elimination of cultist practitioner's names from M. D. groupings, county hospital problems, commercial medical service and hospital issues, are some of the other matters receiving attention, and on which report may be made in the future.

From his own experience as a member of the Council and the House of Delegates during a number of years, the Chairman of this Committee feels he owes it to the Association to go definitely and emphatically on record that our Association would commit a real error if it did not continue its Committee on Public Relations. This committee came into existence, in part, to make it possible for the chairmen or keymen on the California Medical Association standing committees to meet and discuss medical problems having public relation aspects, and in bringing this about the work of some of our standing committees may be said to have had their first real activation. At the same time the Committee was a means of bringing into being a deliberative body that had sufficient time to permit study of special problems and existent policies that could be reported back to the Council for further consideration and action.

It is also my belief that the make-up of the Committee on Public Relations was well thought out when it was organized, for the reason that the Council selects for positions on the standing committees those members of the Association who have shown interest in certain fields. The chairman of each standing committee is also selected by the Council and is given that office because he is presumably fitted for such a responsibility. It may be assumed that the Council seeks to find for these positions those members best suited for the work of the different committees. They in turn, as members of the Committee on Public Relations, carry on their standing committee work to better advantage because of this experience and outlook.

If the Committee on Public Relations is abolished, there is left no such coördinative group in our Association, because the Council, with its many problems, must proceed in rapid manner at its meetings. If we are to train our younger men to grow up with our Association's problems, where can we find a better school than in the Committee on Public Relations? Its past work is the best token of the service it would be able to render in the future for the California Medical Association.

In closing, permit me to express my appreciation, as Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, of the valuable services that have been rendered by the younger members of the Committee. I have been much impressed not only by their willingness to faithfully perform the

tasks assigned to them, but by the good judgment they have shown and the sound opinions they have expressed when the Committee was considering its studies. The Committee on Public Relations used only a portion of its budgeted funds (\$1,704 out of a permitted \$3,000 for the year 1939 in the budget), the unused balance, according to the Association's rules, being no longer available because the succeeding budget becomes operative. The Committee's major expenditures were for the booklets, "On the Witness Stand," and the transportation expenses for the several meetings at which the matters discussed in this report were studied and reports drafted. The budget of the Department of Public Relations for the present year, 1940, is \$1,000, namely, \$2,000 less than the amount allocated last year.

Respectfully submitted,
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To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the past year the Cancer Commission has been primarily interested in those problems which it has heretofore undertaken. As previously our interest has been primarily in furthering professional education. Men have been chosen for discussion of malignant conditions in the postgraduate conferences from the lists submitted to the Committee on Postgraduate Education by the Cancer Commission. The meetings, which have been going on for some time, namely, the radiologists and pathologists' meetings, were held last year in the Hotel Del Monte and were well attended. Likewise, a well-attended meeting of the pathologists in Oakland for an all-day conference in December, 1939.

The clinical session on cancer, which was inaugurated at the last State meeting, will be continued at the coming meeting to be held at the Hotel Del Coronado. A program on gastro-intestinal tumors is being arranged for this meeting. It is hoped that this conference will, in a very short time, prove to be as popular as the aforementioned meetings.

The survey of the cancer clinics of the state undertaken during the year is being continued. A questionnaire is to be sent to each clinic, of which we have knowledge at the present time. It is hoped that every county medical society will send the Cancer Commission notice of cancer clinics operating within its county.

The Commission has felt that it would be very desirable to revise the reports published a few years ago under the title, "Cancer Commission Committee Studies." For the purpose of discussing this problem a meeting was held in Santa Barbara in January, 1940, at which were present forty persons who were instrumental in preparing the original reports. To show the interest in this problem we should like to state that these men came of their own volition and paid their own expenses. Consensus of opinion at this meeting was that these reports should be revised, and it is the intention of the Commission in the near future to ask the Council for moneys to undertake this problem.

The Cancer Commission held two executive sessions, one in Del Monte in May, 1939, and another in Oakland in December, 1939.

We perhaps should not close this report without again mentioning the exhibit at the World's Fair on Treasure Island, which was sponsored by the Cancer Commission.

We feel that this exhibit brought to thousands by word and picture a better conception of the nature of cancer, its diagnosis, and treatment.

Respectfully submitted,
Otto Pflueger, *Secretary*.

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To the President and the House of Delegates:

This committee was created by a resolution passed by the House of Delegates in its regular session in May, 1939. The committee was promptly appointed by the Council, and its initial meeting was held at Sacramento on June 11, 1939, at which time the committee was organized, and a policy was formulated after a thorough discussion and a study of the resolutions which created the committee. All members who had presented similar resolutions for consideration by the House of Delegates were contacted to assist in formulating the policy. These have been presented to the membership from time to time.

The Committee adopted a liberal attitude in the interpretation of the resolution. Part of the resolution seemed to embrace the work of the Public Relations Committee and the Committee on Public Health and Legislation. It was deemed neither desirable nor feasible to parallel, duplicate, or overlap the functions of those committees and, as a result, this committee recommended to the Council of the California Medical Association that the present Committee on Public Policy and Legislation be designated as the "Executive Group" of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, with the accepted powers and duties of an executive group. Since this committee interpreted its instructions in the resolution to include the work of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, in policies regarding our economic and political interests, and also in carrying on the program of education in public health welfare, it was deemed highly advantageous to combine the activities of the two committees in this phase of the work. The knowledge, technique, and instrumentalities of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, headed by Dr. J. B. Harris, are well known and should in no way be displaced by a new committee less skilled in this art. Therefore, in order to extend and aid the work of that committee, the Committee on Public Health Education recommended that its budget include an allocation to the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation for carrying on its routine work, now so heavily increased by pending economic and political problems, and that any necessary additional requirements be covered by allocations as occasion might arise.

There have been three subsequent committee meetings; two were held in San Francisco at California Medical Association headquarters, and one at Los Angeles.

Mr. Ross Marshall was selected as public relations counsel. This action was confirmed by the Council of the California Medical Association. Mr. Marshall devotes his entire time to public relations work. He maintains an office in San Francisco and one in Los Angeles. He works under the direction of the Committee Chairman and unsparingly devotes all the time required by this committee. He has proved efficient, has an unusual conception of our needs, is a good speaker, is coöperative, and possesses a very

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